Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1-29) (Canceled).
- 30) (Currently amended): A method of defining rules for performing a guard patrol of one or more checkpoints, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a) assigning an identifier to a rule to be defined;
 - b) assigning a date range during which said rule is valid;
 - c) determining a schedule for when time period during which said rule must should be followed; and
 - d) setting the number of required checkpoint visits for each location of said guard patrol while allowing said visits to said locations to be in a random order.
- 31) (Currently amended): A method according to claim 30, wherein said date range of said step (b) is selected from the group consisting of the <u>said</u> rule being valid indefinitely <u>always</u>, the <u>said</u> rule being valid after a specified date, the <u>said</u> rule being invalid after <u>valid until</u> a specified date and the <u>said</u> rule being valid only between an assigned range of dates.

- 32) (Currently amended): A method according to claim 30, wherein said schedule time period of said step (c) is selected from the group consisting of specific days of each week, specific days of each month, and specific days of each year.
- 33) (Original): A method according to claim 32, further including the step of determining a time range for each day during which said rule is effective.
 - 34) (Currently amended): A method according to claim 30, further including the step of reporting an exception anytime a checkpoint is not patrolled pursuant to said defined rule.